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PRAWNS AND PRAWN PRODUCTS IMPORT RISK ANALYSIS UPDATE

This Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA) informs stakeholders that the *Draft Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Prawns and Prawn Products* has been referred to the Eminent Scientists Group (ESG) for review.

Biosecurity Australia, with the assistance of an expert import risk analysis (IRA) team, has completed its consideration of stakeholder comments submitted in response to the *Revised Draft Import Risk Analysis Report for Prawns and Prawn Products*. The revised draft report was issued in November 2006 (Biosecurity Australia Policy Memorandum 2006/35). Biosecurity Australia received more than 50 submissions. All submissions are on the Biosecurity Australia website.

As advised in BAPM 2007/20 on the transitional arrangements for the new regulated IRA process, the prawns and prawn products IRA is to be completed under the pre-regulated process. A draft final report has now been referred to the independent ESG for review. The ESG's role is to ensure that Biosecurity Australia has taken stakeholder comments properly into account in finalising the risk analysis and policy recommendations. The ESG has up to 60 days to undertake its review.

Biosecurity Australia will take into account the recommendations of the ESG in producing a final IRA report. The report, which is open to formal appeal, will then be published.

Following any appeal process (and implementation of appeal outcomes, if required) a final report and recommendations will be provided to the Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine, who will then make a quarantine policy determination.

Biosecurity Australia intends to complete the IRA in a timely fashion, giving full consideration to the issues raised in submissions. The process of the ESG review, formal appeal period and final policy determination is likely to be concluded this year.

Please pass this notice to other interested parties. If those parties wish to be included in future communications on this matter they should get in touch with the contact officer listed below. Alternatively, if you wish to be removed from the distribution list, please advise the contact officer.

Information on IRAs and policy reviews being conducted by Biosecurity Australia is available at www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au. Biosecurity Australia welcomes any comments on matters relevant to the issues raised in this BAA.

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